Mega Chemical Industrial Estate

*514. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Mega Chemical Industrial Estate;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) The role of the Central Government is limited to that of a facilitator. To this end, the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals has commissioned a feasibility study through a Consultant regarding setting up of a Mega Chemical Industrial Estate (MCIE). The Consultant is expected to submit the final report by the end of 2005. The feasibility report will be brought to the notice of state Governments and the industry for follow up action in setting up of the MCIE.

Spurious Seeds, Pesticides, etc.

*515. SHRI S. K. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1031 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd July, 2004 and state:

(a) whether the menace of unscrupulous manufacturers dealing in spurious seeds of food grains including cotton seeds, pesticides and fertilizers have been curbed following enforcement of the Acts, Rules and Orders;

(b) if so, the details of complaints received by Government during the last five years; and

(c) in how many such cases the culprits have been punished?

THE MINISTER AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR):(a) Enforcement of the Seeds Act, 1966, Seeds Rules, 1968, Seed (Control) Order, 1983, Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 and Insecticides Act, 1968 have helped to curb the menace of unscrupulous manufacturers dealing in spurious seeds of foodgrains including cotton seedes, pesticide and fertilizers.

(b) and (c) Implementation of these legal instruments is vested with the State Governments. The Inspectors notified under relevant provisions of these legal instruments, are given adequate powers to draw the samples, seize the stock and issue 'Stop Sale' order in case the commodities under reference contravene these Acts and Rules. Based on the complaints received by the State Government and also during the routine enforcement of legal instruments by the notified inspectors, cases are filed in the court of law against the persons, who were found violating the Acts and Rules. Such details for the last five years are given in Statement I,II,III & IV.